

Serving with Honor



Chaplain Dave Gibson presents an officer's cover to newly commissioned Ensign Brian Carroll. Ensign Carroll is the first RP to become a Limited Duty Officer in the U.S. Navy. (see story page 5).

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"I thank my God every time I remember you."

Dear Colleagues in Ministry,

These words from Paul's letter to the church at Philippi reflect my feelings about you who join me in Sea Services ministry. Every day I hear about the life changing, hope building work you are doing. You are appreciated and loved. We pray for you daily.

This issue of *THE NAVY CHAPLAIN* gives general information on Senior Leadership Conference (SLC) 2001. The Chaplain Corps' captains, "captain-selects," and senior Religious Program Specialists will meet 19 March in Dallas. A major objective will be to finalize the strategic plan that will guide Sea Services ministry in the years ahead. If we are to provide the best religious ministry support in our rapidly changing world such a plan is essential.

Scripture teaches that all of our planning is in vain if we do not consider God's will. With this in mind, I encourage you to pray for the leadership of our Corps as we meet.

Varied sacred literature places a high value on peacemaking. This year's PDTC, "Impact of Religion on Culture and Politics Across the International Spectrum," explores ways in which military chaplains can influence peacemaking at all levels of the command. In this issue, you will find photographs of Sailors and Marines currently deployed to the Mediterranean who, led by the chaplain/RP team, are building peace through community relations projects.

This issue also recognizes two positive events within our chaplain/RP communities. One is the recent naming of the Chaplain Vincent R. Capodanno Branch Medical Clinic in Gaeta, Italy. The naming of the clinic honors one of our own who laid down his life while serving Marines and Sailors in Vietnam.

The other event is a Religious Program Specialist first: the selection of RPC (SW) Brian Carroll for the Limited Duty Officer program. Ensign Carroll will use the experience and insights gained during his service as an RP to serve honorably in this new capacity.

The Religious Ministry Team of chaplains and RPs includes both active duty and reserve. RPCM (FMF) Matthew Bremer shares valuable insight about our reserve Religious Program Specialists.

And finally, we have a good-bye note from our senior detailee, Captain Charles Carter. Chaplain Carter has served our country with distinction for over thirty-two years, first as a Marine aviator in combat, then as a chaplain.

Continue to pray for one another and lift up our leaders as well. I will continue to ***thank my God every time I remember you!***

Faternally,

The Navy Chaplain

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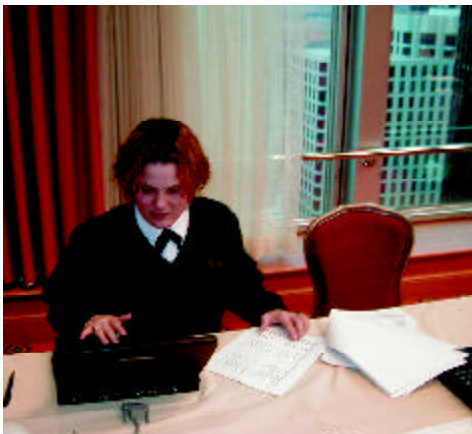
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Senior Leadership Conference 2001 to be held 21-23 March in Dallas



The second annual Navy Chaplain Corps Senior Leadership Conference (SLC) will be held 21-23 March at the Adam's Mark hotel in Dallas, Texas. This will be a very important week for the Navy Chaplain Corps. The conference theme, "UNDERWAY: Serving God's People in the 21st Century," is a springboard for crystallizing the vision, mission and guiding principles of future Sea Service ministry. The two main goals for SLC 2001 are to focus on effective leadership and to refine the Chaplain Corps Strategic Plan. As Chaplain Black indicated in his letter on the opposite page, your prayers are coveted for our leadership during the entire week.



ITSN Amy Bell provides administrative support for last year's SLC.

All O-6 chaplains and Master Chief Religious Program Specialists (both active duty and reserve) have been invited to this significant meeting. Seven working groups will meet Monday and Tuesday prior to SLC. These groups are: Strategic Plan, CREDO, Reserve, Senior Enlisted, Recruiters, U.S. Coast Guard chaplains, and U.S. Marine Corps chaplains. Key leaders below the ranks of O-6 and E-9 have been invited to participate in the pre-SLC work.

The Strategic Plan working group will work to finalize the plan that will guide our ministry in the future. Much effort has already gone into a draft that was sent to all major claimant chaplains and senior leaders in our chaplain/RP community. The Chief of Chaplains has asked these leaders



Adam's Mark Hotel Complex, site of SLC 2001.

to review the preliminary draft with focus groups within their claimancies and to bring feedback to Dallas. The final plan will be sent to the Chief of Naval Operations and Secretary of the Navy for their approval and endorsements.

Other items on the SLC 2001 schedule include a keynote address on the future of America's military profession as well as leadership briefs by the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard and Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps. A service of thanksgiving will be held Wednesday evening.

The May-June issue of *THE NAVY CHAPLAIN* will be dedicated to reporting the events and outcomes of SLC 2001.



Chaplain Black leads in prayer at Service of Thanksgiving, SLC 2000.

BUMED Honors “The Grunt Padre” Chaplain Vincent R. Capodanno

On December 1, 2000, the memory and legacy of LT Vincent R. Capodanno, Chaplain Corps, United States Navy, was honored with the naming of the Branch Medical Clinic at Naval Support Activity (NSA) Gaeta, Italy. Chaplain Capodanno, one of only two Navy chaplains (the other being Joseph T. O’Callahan) who have been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, received the award posthumously for gallantry in conducting vital combat ministry and first aid on a battlefield in Quang Tin Province, South Vietnam, on September 4, 1967.

The Second Platoon of M Company, Third Battalion, Fifth Marines was in danger of being overrun by a massed enemy force. Disregarding intense enemy fire, his own wounds and personal safety, Chaplain Capodanno moved about the field of battle, administering last rites to the dying and giving medical aid to the wounded. He was wounded several times but refused medical aid and instead, directed Navy hospital corpsmen to the wounded. Upon encountering a wounded corpsman and Marine in the direct line of fire, he rushed in a daring attempt to aid and assist his mortally wounded comrades. At that instant, he was struck down, killed by an enemy machine gunner’s bullets.

Since the July 1993 decommissioning of the Navy frigate, USS VINCENT R. CAPODANNO (FF-1093), the Navy and members of the Italian-American Vincent R. Capodanno Association, located in Gaeta, have sought to name a U.S. Navy facility on Italian soil in honor of Fr. Vincent in recognition of his sacrifice and Italian-American heritage. Working with the Association, U. S. Naval Hospital Naples, under the command of Captain Fanancy L. Anzalone, and Naval Support Activity (NSA) Gaeta, under the command of Commander D. S. Favorite, made the dream come to life. In April 2000 the Chief of Naval Operations approved the proposal to name the Branch Medical Clinic, NSA Gaeta, in honor of LT Capodanno. LCDR Gary Morris, command chaplain, Naval Hospital Naples said, “What a rewarding experience to see this multi-national dream come to fruition; to have a facility on Italian soil named in honor of Chaplain Capodanno. Dedicating a medical clinic in his name is particularly relevant as we recall that Fr. Vincent was aiding hospital corpsmen as well as Marines in combat.”



Chaplain Daniel Mode, author of The Grunt Padre

LT Daniel Mode, Naval Reserve Chaplain and author of the recently published book, *The Grunt Padre*, was the guest speaker. Chaplain Mode emphasized not only Fr. Vincent’s commitment to his Marines and Sailors, but also the many good things that have happened as a result of his legacy of sacrifice and faith. He said, “In the dedication of this clinic, we keep alive Fr. Vince’s example, an example of the way Navy chaplains in small and big ways sacrifice their lives, rendering compassionate care and assistance to our Sea Services personnel.”

Jim Capodanno (Fr. Vincent’s brother) and his wife, Lydia, made the journey from Staten Island, New York to attend. Mr. Capodanno spoke of his brother’s compassion and dedication to reaching out to the war-weary “Grunts” he loved. Mr.

Capodanno, himself a retired Marine, was particularly moved by Marine Corps Staff Sergeant Thomas A. Maffin’s dramatic reading from the foreword of Fr. Mode’s book. The foreword was written by COL G. H. Turley, USMC (Ret.), who served with LT Capodanno.



Captain Jane F. Vieira, BUMED Claimant Chaplain, presented letters from the Navy Surgeon General and Chief of Chaplains. A letter from Commander, U.S. Sixth Fleet, VADM Gregory Johnson was also read. Mr. Michele Cuoco, President of the Vincent R. Capodanno Association, Gaeta, assisted Jim Capodanno in the unveiling of a brass medallion plaque made in the likeness of “The Grunt Padre” and mounted on white Italian marble.

First Religious Program Specialist Chosen for LDO Program

By JOCS (AW) JON GAGNE



CWO4 Wilfred L. Bush administers the Oath of Office to Ensign Brian N. Carroll, USN

For Chief Religious Program Specialist (Surface Warfare) Brian N. Carroll, November 1, 2000, marked the end of one portion of his naval career and the start of another. It was the day Chief Carroll officially became Ensign Carroll, the Navy's newest Limited Duty Officer (LDO).

Ensign Carroll's LDO selection this year by a board of Navy officers was just another giant step forward in a career that has gleamed with accomplishment and professionalism since he entered Navy boot camp at Recruit Training Center (RTC) Great Lakes, Illinois, in March, 1988. With his selection, Ensign Carroll becomes the Navy's first Religious Program Specialist (RP) to be selected for the LDO commissioning program.

Carroll began showing the traits that would eventually make him a naval officer very early in his career. At his first duty station, Naval Training Center Orlando, FL., he was selected as the command's Senior Sailor of the Quarter and advanced to petty officer second class. At his next command, USS HUE CITY (CG-66), homeported in Mayport, Florida, he continued to excel while serving as the Ship's Librarian and Educational Services Officer. Carroll was the first RP assigned to HUE CITY. During his tour aboard HUE CITY, Carroll made deployments to the Mediterranean Sea, Indian Ocean and North Arabian Sea in support of Operation Southern Watch. He also participated in BALTOPS 96, deploying to Germany, Sweden and Holland. His outstanding performance led to his promotion to petty officer first class and designation as an Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist.

Carroll reported to the Naval Education and Training Professional Development and Technology Center (NETPDTC) at Saufley Field, Pensacola, Florida in June 1997. His duties included the design, development and management of all professional development training workshops for the RP rating and serving as division leading petty officer. Once again, he rose to the challenge with an exceptional performance that earned him two NETPDTC Sailor of the Year honors, (in 1997 and 1998), and his promotion to chief petty officer in 1999.

At his commissioning ceremony, Ensign Carroll stressed that any job in the Navy was worth performing to the best of your ability. Carroll believes in striving to be the best Sailor possible. Now, he looks forward to entering the officer community and working hand-in-hand with all Sailors in the U.S. Sea Services.

After completing LDO Indoctrination School at Naval Aviation Schools Command, Pensacola, Florida, Ensign Carroll, his wife, Tanya, and their son, Brian II, moved to Bremerton, Washington, where he will serve aboard USS CARL VINSON (CVN-70) as Educational Services Officer.

Within the Chaplain Corps Family



IN MEMORIAM



RP2 Joseph M. "Joe Jazz" Mondrey, USN

(Survived by his wife Erline and stepchildren, Sheree, Sean, and Samantha)



*ENCM Thomas L. Shields , Command Master Chief, Naval Consolidated Brig ,
Miramar, presents a shadow box to Mrs. Erline Mondrey*

Jack Boyd, father of RPC(SW/AW) Harold E. Boyd, USN
USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN-71), FPO AE 09599-2871

Ovid Aaron Clark, father-in-law of LT John V. Dickens III, CHC, USNR
USS LAKE ERIE (CG 70), FPO AP 96671-1190

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Julian W. Vest and Woodrow W. Vest, brothers of CAPT William T. Vest,
CHC, USN (Ret.)

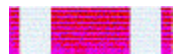
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Legion of Merit



CAPT Douglas Olauson, CHC, USN
1st FSSG FMFPAC

Meritorious Service Medal



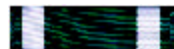
CDR Lawrence J. Russo, CHC, USNR
SUBASE New London, Connecticut

RPCS(SW/FMF) Charles E. Ramsey, USN
MCB Camp H. M. Smith, Hawaii



Defense Meritorious Service Medal

CDR Howard F. Holley, CHC, USN
Patrick AFB, Florida



Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal

LCDR Michael S. Klepacki, CHC, USN
USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73)

LT Eric B. Verhulst, CHC, USNR
USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73)

RP1 Susan E. Ferrantelli, USN
CoC Office, Chaplain Resource Branch, Norfolk, VA

LCDR Manuel (Don) Biadog Jr.
3RD MARDIV FMFLANT

LT Michael S. Sexton, CHC, USNR
MAG 39 3d MAW FMFLANT

Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal



LT Terry C. Gordon, CHC, USNR
USS PRINCETON (CG 59)

RP1(SW/FMF) Charlene W. Drake, USN
USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73)

RP2 Carl E. Bergquist, USN
MCAS Iwakuni, Japan

RP2 Douglas R. Peck, USN
NAVWEPSTA Yorktown, VA



Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist

RPCS(SW) Dwayne R. Thompson, USN
USS ENTERPRISE (CVN 65)

RPC(SW) Anna M. Powell, USN
USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72)

RPC(AW/SW) Donna M. Norman, USN
USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73)

RP1(SW/FMF) Charlene W. Drake, USN
USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73)

RP1 (SW/AW) Marianne Howell, USN
USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72)

RP2(SW/FMF) M. Troy Leblanc, USN
USS BUNKER HILL (CG 52)

RP2 (SW) Keith D. James, USN
USS SUPPLY (AOE 6)

The Command Advancement Program

RP3 Obadiah Burnett, USN
USS SUPPLY (AOE 6)

Sailor of the Quarter

RP2 Carl E. Bergquist, USN
MCAS Iwakuni, Japan

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Religious Program Specialists in the Naval Reserve

BY RPCM (FMF) MATTHEW BREMER, USNR

Many of you have worked with a Naval Reserve chaplain. Most of you have a good idea what they do in their civilian lives and what they can do for the Religious Ministries Team (RMT). But how many of you have any experience with Naval Reserve RPs? Where do they come from? What backgrounds do they bring to the force? What training have they had? What training can they give? What training can we provide them?

As the Naval Reserve RP Senior Enlisted Advisor, I can tell you that the reserve RPs come with a wide variety of backgrounds and skills. Some of the civilian jobs RPs hold include prison guard, highway worker, hotel clerk, teacher, ecologist, counselor, web page designer, accountant, student, and policeman, to name a few. These occupations alone bring a depth of experience that is just waiting to be tapped.

Reserve RPs are assigned to USMC commands, SeaBee units, various shipboard units, and shore based commands. They will arrive at your command with a variety of skills and training. Some will be seasoned veterans with a wealth of active duty experience and applicable civilian skills. Some will not. All will profit from the interaction and learning that comes from sharing knowledge.

The majority of the RPs in the Reserve are assigned to USMC commands and units. They are tasked with being operationally ready to deploy with the Marines when the call comes. They will, most



frequently, do their active duty assignments with USMC commands. Much of their required training involves becoming deployable as a combatant member of the RMT. This training includes small arms qualifications, driving qualifications, field ministry skills, and field living. Few, if any, of these training items will show up on the advancement exam, but having an RP with these skills will make for a much more productive RMT.

You might say “But I am active duty, I won’t be deployed with a Reservist.”

I’d encourage you to talk to veterans of the Gulf War and Bosnia. As our military continues to “right-size,” the mission demands remain the same or grow. As a result, we will continue to see reserve and active forces working side by side. This is the prime time to tap into those skills the reservists bring from their civilian employment. What better time to ask a teacher to present a briefing, or a policeman to conduct training on neighborhood relationships, or an accountant to do a “command assist” inspection of the ROF. Get to know what skills the RPs have before they come to your command, and the time you spend together will be much more productive.



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variety of backgrounds and skills.*

OK, now you know a little about the Reserve RP. What do you do next? How do you get one? Or, if you are one, how does this help? All reserve RPs are required to train somewhere at least two weeks during the fiscal year. Most train at their gaining command. If this is the case, the matter is simple: Communicate! RPs, talk to the command before you get there. Tell them what you need *and* what you can offer. Commands (Chaplains and Senior RPs): Listen! Train the Reservists to the skill sets they need for the assigned mission. You never know when they might become a long term member of your RMT.

If you are looking for help from a Naval Reserve RP, contact COMNAVRESFOR in New Orleans at DSN 678-1051 or (800) 245-4546. If you are looking for training ideas for reserve RPs, feel free to contact me at rpcm@usa.net.

Sailors and Marines: America's Ambassadors



Sailors and Marines from USS NASSAU (LHA-4) and USS AUSTIN (LPD-4) recently completed community relations projects in Malta; Split, Croatia; and Koper, Slovenia. Such projects not only build morale, but further the cause of peace and justice. Day Four of this year's PDTC examines ways in which chaplains can be positive agents of conflict prevention in the international arena, in localized disputes, and in on-ship confrontations.

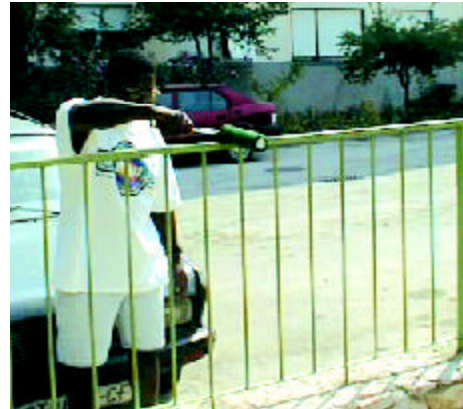


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Navy Chaplain Corps vision statement

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Sailors and Marines: America's Ambassadors cont.



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Notes from the Detailer

BY CAPT T. CHARLES CARTER, USN



In my first TNC article after reporting as Chaplain Corps Detailer, I told you that I wanted you to learn with me as I became more proficient in the job. In articles since then, I have sought to remove the “mystery” of detailing by informing you of the way we do business and the policies under which we make assignments. Chaplain Elkin and Chaplain McGeory have been the “point” in working with most of you. Both have been superb in their conversations and correspondence with you. Senior Chief Ross and now RP1 Schadler have worked diligently to get your orders to you so that you could plan your move in advance. I thank them for work well done.

Thank you for the privilege of allowing me to serve you as Detailer. I am grateful to Chaplain Holderby for choosing me for this assignment, and for Chaplain Black’s confidence in allowing me to continue under his leadership.

In my years as a chaplain, I have never been in an assignment where I have seen the hand of God so active as I have in this one. Thank you for your prayers that have made it happen. I turn the job over to Chaplain Bob Burt, a man of prayer and ability. He will serve you well.

Semper Fi,

Chaplain Carter



Chaplain Candidate Scholarships

The Military Chaplain Association provides scholarships for seminary students who intend to pursue a career as a military chaplain. While the amount won’t cover all the expenses, it can certainly help. The requirements are simple:

- *Full time student in an accredited seminary
- *Currently serving as a chaplain candidate in one of the Armed Forces
- *Complete MCA application form

Applicants must apply to MCA between 1 January and 30 May each year. The amount of the scholarship will be determined each year by the MCA Scholarship Committee. Since the beginning of the program, MCA has been able to help 30 chaplain candidates with \$60,000.00 in scholarship aid. Funds to support the scholarship program as well as other MCA programs come from individual donations, Religious Offering Fund donations and the Combined Federal Campaign (#2118). Past recipients cover a broad spectrum of faith groups and service settings.

1999-2000 Navy Chaplain Candidate Scholarship Recipients

Jaim E. Gann is a Navy Chaplain Candidate and is endorsed by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. He plans to complete seminary training at Concordia Seminary in May 2001.

Brandon S. Harding is a seminary student at Lexington Theological Seminary and is endorsed by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He expects to complete seminary training as a Navy Chaplain Candidate in May 2002.

Hal Luria is a Navy Chaplain Candidate and currently attends the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. He is endorsed by the Jewish Welfare Board and plans to complete seminary in May 2001.

For more information go to: www.mca-usa.org/scholar.htm

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CRB Recommendation

Islam: A Short Story, by Karen Armstrong. Modern Library Chronicles Books. A division of Random House Publishers. New York. 222 pages, 2000. Reviewed by LT Youssef H. Aboul-Enein, MSC, USN, Islamic Lay Leader, Naval Hospital Great Lakes.

It is vital that members of the military understand the faiths we may encounter, not only those on deployment, but those that are now fully integrated into our armed forces and are part of the mosaic of modern American society. Islam joins Christianity and Judaism as one of the most prevalent monotheistic faiths on earth. Understanding Islam requires more than just watching television shows that tend to focus on fringe elements and radicals that make headlines. Karen Armstrong has written a balanced, fair and excellent short history for those wanting to learn more about Islam from a spiritual and historical perspective. The author is well known for her exceptional grasp of theology and has published the critically acclaimed *History of God* and *The Battle for God*.

Islam: A Short Story is a slim book covering the history of Islam, which began in A.D. 610, when Prophet Muhammad received revelations to preach monotheism in Mecca. It details the persecution of early Muslims and the personalities that have aided the development of Islam in Arabia. It also

details the state of Islam during the reign of the rightly guided Caliphs, known as *Al-Rasiudun*. It was during this time that Islam spread into Byzantium, Persia and North Africa. The author dispels the myth of sword wielding Arabs emerging from the desert and digs into the reality of economics, empire decay, faith and treatment of minorities under Islam and those they defeated.

The book also delves into important Islamic concepts like *Ijtihad* (Independent Reasoning), *Tawheed* (Divine Unity) and *Fiqh* (Islamic Jurisprudence). Included are many other concepts like explaining the *Quran* (Muslim scriptures), *A Hadith* (Prophet's Sayings) and *Sunnah* (Religious practices of Prophet Muhammad) to develop the *Shariah* (body of Islamic laws).

This book is an important read for Religious Program Specialists (RPs) and military chaplains from all three services.